

REMARKS

Claims 19-21 were pending in the present application. Claims 19-21 are canceled herein. Claims 22-26 are added. Support for newly added claims is found in the specification, such as, for example, on page 3, lines 5-10, page 5, lines 3-20, and in original claims 1, 2, and 6. No new matter is inserted into the application.

Interview

A telephonic interview was held with the Examiner on July 2, 2003, to discuss allowable claim language. The Examiner's assistance in expediting prosecution of the present application is greatly appreciated.

Pursuant to that interview, Applicants cancel claims 19-21, and add claims 22-26. Claims 22-25 correspond to the allowable claim language suggested by the Examiner on page 3 of the Office Action dated October 8, 2002. Claim 26 is directed to a vector, which is supported by original claim 6.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above remarks and/or amendments fully address and overcome the rejections of record, such that the present application should now be found in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested

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to issue a Notice of Allowance indicating that claims 22-26 are allowed.

Conclusion

If there are any minor matters precluding allowance of the application which may be resolved by a telephone discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Kristi L. Rupert, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 45,702) at (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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In the claims:

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